Subject: Muslim coinage collection

Elected an ANS member in 1923.

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(American Embassy

Constantinople, Turkey,

and Tremont Temple,

Boston, MA)

April 1922-1932

April 19th, 1922

Thomas Whittemore, Esq.
C/o American Embassy
Constantinople, Turkey

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 31st addressed to Mr. Robinson of the Metropolitan Museum of Art has been referred to me.

Although we make a specialty of Mohammedan coins, I very much doubt if we should care to purchase the collection of Turkish gold coins about which you write. Our funds are limited, and we have found it especially difficult of late to interest any of our members in purchasing coins for us - especially Mohammedan coins, which the average person does not comprehend.

We have, also, been making extensive purchases of Persian coins.

We have sounded other Museums and collectors pretty thoroughly concerning Mohammedan coins and find a woeful lack of interest in these, so that I feel that it is impossible to do anything in this country with a collection such as you describe.

As a matter of fact, there is a very large collection of Turkish coins in Constantinople which has fruitlessly been offered here the past two years.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

April 2, 1924.

Thomas Whittemore, Esq.,

Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Whittemore:-

This is to acknowledge formally the receipt of your collection of Byzantine Coins which you have deposited with our Society as an indefinite loan, but with the understanding that it is not to be exhibited until such time as you may in future indicate. Comprised in the collection are 304 gold coins, 72 lead pieces, 60 specimens in silver and 215 in bronze. In addition to the above there are 69 gold pieces (duplicating certain listed above).

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary and Librarian.

New York, Dec. 29, 1932

Received from THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,

BROADWAY, AT 156TH ST.

Received three packages addressed to Mr. Thomas Whittemore

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